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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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DWPI A61C and keywords: retainer, wire, molar and similar terms

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	Patent Abstracts of Japan JP 2002191623 A (ASO INTERNATIONAL) 9 July 2002 Whole document	1-5, 9-18
X	US 4,299,568 A (CROWLEY) 10 November 1981 Figure 6	1, 3, 5, 12
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